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The Police Report Five Cases of

Destitution.

Destitute cases were reported to police

headquarters yesterday as follows: Mrs. Rose Corcoran, a widow, 50 years old, who

lives with three small grandchildren at No.

heltenham avenue, is in need of food,

1644 Cheltenham avenue, is in need of food, fuel and clothing.

Mrs. Mary O'Toole, a widow, living with two small children at No. 218 Palm street, is in need of immediate charity.

Mrs. Julia Beeswick, who lives in the rear of No. 2512 North Broadway, with four children, ranging in age from 1 to 15 years, is in abject want. The two youngest children are sick and she is not able to work. Her husband deserted her more than a year ego.

Mrs. Carrie Adams, a widow, with four small children, at No. 823 Hall's Ferry road, are without fuel or food. One of the children is sick and the mother has not the money to buy medicine or employ a physician.

physician.
Mrs. Emma Mitchell was taken from Per home at No. 6706 Manchester avenue yester-day to the City Hospital, she being sick and

GIFT FOR SUBURBAN EMPLOYES.

Foremen and Office Men to Be Re-

membered by Company.

The foremen and officemen in the employ of the St. Louis and Suburban Railroad

Company will eat turkey to-morrow, with

good wishes for the company which em

good wishes for the company which employs them. General Manager Jenkins stated yesterday that the road would give a turkey to each of its twenty-two foremen and twenty-five officemen.

General Manager Baumhoff of the St. Louis Transit Company said that no arrangements had been made for a general distribution of Christmas remembrances among the employes of his corporation.

The Postal Telegraph Company, on orders from headquarters, will give a turkey to each of its employes in St. Louis.

New Year's Mailing Cards.

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n our own stationery factory. Mermod &

PASSENGERS LEAPED OFF CAR

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most Caused a Panic.

There was a small panic among the passengers of a Beliefontaine car at the inter-

ection of Buchanan street Saturday night.

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Vaudeville Show for Insane Asy lum-Religious Services Will Be Conducted in All Institutions.

services will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The 215 patients at the Female Hospital will have their Christmas tree this evening. There will be a bag of candy for each patient. Superintendent Hawley will deliver a short address. To-morrow morning there will be services at 9 o'clock and a Christmas dinner. An entertainment will accompany the tree this evening, amateur talent having volunteered for the occasion.

The Poorhouse probably will have the most pretentious tree of the occasion, an eighteen-foot tree having been secured. The Episcopalian and Catholic missions held special services there yesterday, and there will be additional services to-morrow. A 5 o'clock mass will be said to-morrow morning, and vespers will be given in the afternoon. To-morrow evening and Wednesday evening there will be theatrical entertainments for the inmates. The approach of Christmas Day has no been forgotten at the various city institutions, and special preparations have been made by the respective superintendents t

The City Hospital, the Poorhouse, the In sane Asylum, the Female Hospital and the House of Refuge have all made ready for the day, and even the occupants of the Workhouse are looking forward to a turkey dinner. As for the occupants of the holdover and jail, they will have to depend upon the remembrance of their friends.

At the House of Refuge the 450 children will be treated to the spectacle of two or three Christmas trees, one of which will be arranged in a schoolroom, another in a chapel and possibly a third in one of the wards. A Christmas dinner with the orthodox turkey and cranberries will be served at 12 o'clock and the trees will be reserved as the spectacle of the evening.

Each child will receive a bag of candy and an orange, and there will be a distribution of toys for the younger boys. Re-ligious services sultable for the season were given yesterday, and there will be no spe-

than the usual chapel services.

At the City Hospital there will be a turkey dinner and religious services. The Episcopalian Mission will hold services in the morning and Catholic mission workers will render a high mass in the chapel. It is proposed to have one or two small tree in the various wards, but this matter is in the care of the religious societies, who con duct services at the hospital. The Episco palian mission will give each patient a five-pound bag of candy.

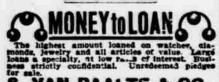
The Insane Asylum will have a very elab-

orate entertainment and celebration. Doctor Runge has taken great pains to secure an enjoyable programme for the occasion, Toporrow the patients will have their Christ

CITY ITEMS.

CRAWFORD'S open to-night until 11 o'clock. Music by the band. Souvenirs to all. The fullest lines of Tors, Dolls and Fancy Goods to select from and always the

No Christmas table complete without reno ppetizer, Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters.



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CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR CITY'S WARDS. I mas dinner of turkey and cranberries and services will be held by the Episcopalian and Catholic missions. The Catholics will render a mass there at 5 o'clock in the morning and the Episcopalian will give a morning service at 10 o'clock. To-day the Lautherane will hold their service and will have a small Christmas tree. Candy and Stegies for Pattents. The Christmas tree proper has been prepared for Thursday evening. Apples and every man will receive a stogle and every woman a stick of candy. After dinner to-morrow stogles and candy will be served. The entertainment Thursday will be served. The entertainment Thursday will be of the vaudeville order. Several performers have volunteered their services. The occupants of the Workhouse will have a dinner and religious services, and nothing more. Dinner will include turkey, but it is not yet certain whether cranberry sauce will be part of the bill of fare. The services will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning. The 215 patients at the Female Hospital

Ticket Agents Busy Day and Night -Bureau of Information the Center of an Anxious Throng.

The Christmas season has been heralded at Union Station by the influx and efflux f very large crowds. Each morning and evening the huge

building has been filled to the limit of its capacity with happy, hurrying holiday travelers, and all trains have been crowded The holiday business done at Union Sta-

tion this year is thought by Station Master Jerry Coakley to exceed that of any past season The rush of the increased traffic has de

cended with a heavy hand upon the em ployes of the station, especially upon Bar ney Brauenthal of the Bureau of Informa tion and upon the ticket agents. They have been worked night and day, and enthal avers that he has lost at least Frauenthal is supposed to know everything that all of the thousands of people that pass through the station in one night of the present travel want to know. He

did yesterday, whether he'd seen her hus-band anywhere, he gives up. The ticket agents have all had more or less the same experience. Each window has been crowded with purchasers morning, noon and night. One old woman ing, noon and night. One old woman wanted a policeman to disperse the crowd at the windows so she could be served.

A young woman bought her ticket, but dropped it as she was pushing her way through the crowd at the window. She thought somebody had taken it and wanted the police to arrest all of the fifteen or twenty persons who were at the window. After no end of a fuss, the ticket was found in a fold of her dress, where it had lodged when it fell.

Opera Glasses for Xmas Gifts. Fine lenses, leather, pearl and French namel frames, \$2.75 to \$45, at Mermod & accard's, Broadway and Locust,

WHIPPED AND DRIVEN AWAY.

John McCumbers of Unsavory Record Made to Leave Salem.

Salem, Mo., Dec. 23.-Last night a mob of about twenty men broke into the fail and took out John McCumbers and gave him a terrible whipping, then ordered him to leave Salem at once, which he did. Salem at once, which he did.

McCumbers was continually in jail for stealing and other crimes. He was once arrested by the St. Louis authorities on the charge of murdering and robbing an old woman, but released for want of evidence.

The Modern Mother Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs. When in need of the laxative effect of a gentic remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

OREAR WANTS FIRE MARSHAL.

Believes Creation of Such Office Would Decrease Insurance Rates. Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.-Ed T. Orear, Superintendent of the Insurince Department, will recommend to the Legislature the enactment of a law creating the office of Fire Marshal of the State. When asked about the proposed law to-day, Mr. Orear said:
"In my annual reports for two years past
I have called especial attention to the

enormous loss of property in this State by fire. I believe the creation of the office of Fire Marshal in the State will have a tendency to decrease this loss, and a decrease of fire loss will lower insurance rates. It is important to the interests of the State to protect property and prevent its destruction as much so as it is beneficial to enact laws which encourage the building up of property and the improvement of the country.

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"Massachusetts provided by law for the office of Fire Marshal some years ago. The average rate of insurance in that State has been reduced since the time the Fire Marshal law went into effect from 1.07 to .98 per hundred. The average rate in Missouri has been gradually reduced in the lest few years until it is now only 1.04 per hundred, but if the average rate could be reduced in this fate to an even \$1, the amount saved in this reduction to the clizens of the State in one year would be \$188,500.

"Maryland has had such an officer since 1894. Pennsylvania has a system of examinations of fires; and Ohio, at the last session of the Legislature, provided for the appointment of a Fire Marshal, and already great good is reported as a result."

INDIAN CLUBS, in all weights, end several grades. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, 620 Locust street.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

-N. P. Hudson of Chicago is a guest of J. J. Collister of Kansas City is stopping -Doctor and Mrs. W. G. Kelly of Mem-phis are registered at the Lindell. -Mr. and Mrs. William Gallaby of Alton are guests of the St. Nicholas. -W. S. Blau of Cleveland is a guest of the St. Nicholas.

-Edmond and Katherine Hayes of South Milford, Mass., are registered at the South--E. C. Bolte of Cincinnati is at the Plant--C. C. Place, a prominent citizen of Oswego, N. Y., is stopping at the Laclede. --Mrs. C. F. De Camp is registered at the Laclede from Detroit.

-F. G. Caldwell of Lincoln, Neb., is registered at the Lindell. -William D. Young of Oklahoma City is guest of the St. Nicholas.

-J. C. Smiley and H. L. Young of Phila-ciphia are registered at the Southern. -H. Yates is registered at the Lindell from New York. -W. C. Petty of Boston is stopping at the

Lindell.

-W. P. Smith is a guest of the Laclede, registered from Louisville, Ry.

-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes of Cripple Creek, Colo., are guests of the Moser.

-Plato Mountjoy of Washington, D. C., is stopping at the Planters.

-Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haskins of Fort Scott, Ark., are at the Moser.

-W. M. Burris is registered at the Moser. -W. M. Burris is registered at the Planters from Cripple Creek, Colo.

-Oscar Reinhardt of Boston is a guest of the Southern. the Southern.

Oliver Stigall of Chillicothe, Mo., is stopping at the Planters.

B. O. Lewis of Omaha is a guest of the Laclede.

-Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hood of Sparts, Ill., are stopping at the Moser. -L. Heilbronner is registered at the St. Nicholas from Milwaukee. -J. D. Atkinson of Paris, Tex., is stop-ping at the Lindell. -C. H. McIntyre of St. Paul is at the La--E. M. Greene is registered at the Laclede from Lincoln, Neb.

Silk Umbrellas for Xmas, \$2 to \$40. Tight roll, neat, fashionable, best slike best frames, handsomest handles, at Mermod & Jaceard's, Broadway and Locust.

SKULL FRACTURED BY A FALL T. E. Stoner May Die as Result of Street-Car Accident.

T. E. Stoner, 35 years old, a clerk in the pany, fell from a Broadway car yesterday at Broadway and Dickson street. His head struck upon the pavement and he was ren-dered unconscious. He was taken to the City Hospital, where examination disclosed that his skull was fractured. His recovery that his skull was fractured. His recovery is unlikely.
Stoner's home is at No. 2015 North Tenth street. He is married but has no children. His wife went to the hospital yesterday afternoon to see her husband. She said that he had left home early yesterday morning, as he had to work a half day. She thought he must have been on the way home when the accident occurred.

GOLF GOODS. Clubs, caddy bags, balls and everything pertaining to the sport. Special holiday designs. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, 620 Locust street. Veteran George W. Nichols Dead.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Knobnoster, Mo., Dec. 23.—George W.
Nichols, aged 6 years, died here to-day
from a complication of diseases. He was a
Union veteran. The funeral will take place

Best for rheumatism—Eimer & Amend's Prescription, No. 2851. Celebrated on its merits for many effectual cures.

PRIEST DENOUNCES

Father Kielty Explains Position of His Church Regarding the

QUOTES POPE LEO'S DECREE.

Christian Burial Denied to Ashes -Clergyman Says That Practice Might Sometimes Become Necessary.

The recent organization of societies in this city for the purpose of spreading the prac tice of cremation has caused considerable discussion among Catholics as to whether cremation is in accordance with the laws of

the Catholic church. Catholics desiring to join these societies have sought advice of their pastors. It nearly all cases the priests advise against cremation on the ground that it is not consistant with the rites of the church. In reply to the question as to whether one

might join a society for the spread of crematten and whether it was lawful to leave instructions for burning one's body, the Reverend Father F. M. Kleity, pastor of Holy Angels Church, says: "I amswer No; because Pope Leo XIII, in his decree 'ssued at Rome in 1886, calls cremation a 'detestable abuse of burning the bodies of the dead.' These words imply

something very grave. Those who wish their dead bodies to be burned, must for that reason be deprived of a Christian burial, which penalty supposes a very grave "The teaching of the church is opposed to cremation. There is nothing intrinsically wrong in burning the dead. The practice might become necessary at times of exces-sive mortality or danger to the living, as

sive mortality or danger to the living, as for example after battle or during a plague. In ordinary times, however, cremation disturbs the pious sentiments of the faithful. It is not in keeping with the impressive rites of Christian burial. It has been introduced by men possessed of doubtful faith who seek to make popular the pagan custom of cremation and thereby shut out the church from one of her most touching functions. These reasons justify the condemnation of cremation by the church. I have no desire to go into the various sanitary, legal and economical arguments for or against cremation."

Imas Cards and Calendars. The most beautiful designs and largest variety ever shown, 5c to \$10, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust,

TO BE AT HOME CHRISTMAS. Jessie Morrison Is Expected to

Give Bond Soon. El Dorado, Kas., Dec. 23.-Hayward Mor-

trial for murdering Mrs. Castle ended in a hung jury, said to-day;
"Six wealthy men of this county have Six wealthy men of this county have volunteered to go on the \$5,000 bond. We are in no hurry to file the bond, and it is not worrying us like it is lots of other people. Jessie is feeling very well and still receives letters of sympathy daily."

While Mr. Morrison would not say when the bond would be filed, he left the impression that his sister would cat Christmas linner at home.

rison, brother of Jessie Morrison, whose

SKELETONS IN GRAVEL BANK.

Remains Supposed to Be Those of Kickapoo Indians Uncovered. EPUBLIC SPECIAL. Charleston, Ili., Dec. 21.-Saturday while

opening up a new gravel bank in this township, the Highway Commissioners found the skeletons of five human beings. They are supposed to be the remains of Kickapoo Indians, who roamed these hills a hundred years ago, or of parties killed by them. Successful Farmers' Institute.

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Coles County closed here Saturday after a three days' session. Exhibits were made in dairy, kitchen and farm products, also in needlework. Papers on every phase of farm life were read and discussed. The attendance was unprecedented. The sessions were held in the new Courthouse.

CROKINOLE, the latest candidate to popular favor. Several styles and varieties. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, 620 Lo-cust street.

WOULD DRILL TO GREAT DEPTH. Joplin Anxious to Have State Do a Little Experimenting.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 23.—Efforts are to be made by the Joplin Commercial Club to have the State do some deep drilling in the mining district to ascertain the extent and conditions of the mineral formation at greater depths than have yet been mined in this district. The Legislature made an appropriation two years ago for geological researches under the supervision of the State Geologist to determine the conditions of the cres to be found in the State. Some of this fund has not been used and it is that balance that the Joplin club seeks to have expended in deep drilling. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Gold Spectacles for Xmas Gifts, Also eyeglasses, \$5 and upward, will b fitted to the recipients after Christmas by our expert optician, Dr. Bond. Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. Disposed of Building Lots.

Doctor J. W. Scott has sold the lots he re-cently purchased on Edwardsville road from the Knox-Smith heirs, to William H.

Hommert of Granite City. Doctor Scott bought the property with the intention at establishing his office and inhoratory there, but as the site is more valuable as a busi-ness becation, he disposed of it to Alderman Hommert. The lots are near the Tri-City shouthin lines we had a property in the city of the con-

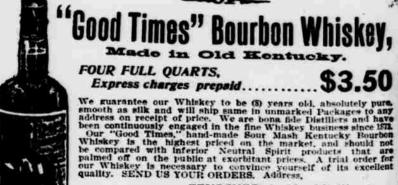
PATRICK FURLONG PARDONED Killed a Brother Officer in Chicago in Dispute Over Boer War.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Former Policeman Patrick Furlong, who, in February, 1990, killed Edward Teach, a brother officer, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years, has been pardoned by Governor Tanner and will take his Coristmas dinner with his family in Chicago.

Furlong, who is of Irish parentage, and Leach, an Englishman, became involved is an argument about the Boer war. Leach's decharation that England would whip any country on earth led to a quarrel and both men drew revolvers. Furlong shot first, with fatal effect.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

You will please take notice that, under the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved February 16, 1899, all current Tax Bills become delinquent on and after January 1, 1901, and I will be compelled to charge interest at the rate of one per centum per month. To avoid the usual rush, Taxpayers are requested to

CHAS. F. WENNEKER,

Collector of the Revenue.

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